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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims in order to reduce the initial filing fee by deleting the multiple dependent claims from the application. Applicants reintroduced the subject matter of claim 3 canceled by the present Amendment by adding new claim 6 to the application.

Applicants understand that, under the procedures of the PCT, a copy of the two priority documents (JP 2004-069976, filed March 12, 2004 and JP 2004-148992, filed May 19, 2004) will have been supplied to the U.S. Patent Office pursuant to Rule 17 of the PCT Regulations. It is therefore respectfully requested that the first Official Action in the present application contain an indication that the appropriate priority document is in the file of this application.

In view of the above amendments, an early action on the application is now in order and is most respectfully requested.

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